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, IN FURTHER ELABORATION OF REFTEL (A) DEL WEBB VICE-
PRESIDENT, JOHN P. BYRNE, TODAY (6/30) INFORMED DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON AND HONDURAS DESK OFFICER
THAT HE HAD TALKED LAST WEEK TO SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE,
CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS, COMMITTEE
ON APPROPRIATIONS. BYRNE REPORTS THAT INOUE IS PREPARED
TO ACCEPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE AID APPROPRIATIONS
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BILL TO BE SUBMITTED BY SENATOR DECONCINI WHICH WOULD
MAKE ASSISTANCE TO HONDURAS CONDITIONAL ON GOH ACTION TO
SETTLE DEL WEBB CLAIM.

2. BYRNE IS NOT MOVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY
JUDGMENT (REFTELS (B) AND (C) THAT PRESSURE AT THIS
TIME COULD REVERSE ANY FAVORABLE ELEMENTS CONTAINED IN

GOH SETTLEMENT DECISION APPARENTLY NOW IN FINAL INTERNAL
GOH CLEARANCE PROCESS. BYRNE'S FOCUS IS ON SIX YEARS
WHICH HAVE ELAPSED SINCE FIRST CLAIM WAS SUBMITTED, SIX
MONTHS WHICH HAVE ELAPSED SINCE LATEST CLAIM, AND HIS

PERCEIVED DANGER OF NO GOH DECISION AT ALL IF HE EASES
CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES.

3. NEITHER AID NOR STATE HAS CONFIRMED THE ATTITUDE
ATTRIBUTED TO SENATOR INOUE BY MR. BYRNE. VANCE

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